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On 24 March 1951, the feasibility of one-way traffic on double track railroad lines was discussed at a conference held at the Directorate General, Railroads. The chief of the operations department of the railroad headquarters affirmed that such operations were possible. He was ordered to draw up a list of all the double-track railroad lines in the Berlin district which would permit temporary one-way railroad operations. Director General Kramer, (fnu), declared that it might be necessary to run 60 to 80 trains in one direction on a double-track railroad line within a time period of six hours in connection with an expected large-scale rally. *

* Comment. One-way railroad operations on the two tracks of a line were conducted during the last war. Such operations were necessitated by the transportation of troops or equipment to a given area in the shortest possible time. These operations are possible only for a short period because one-way railroad traffic prevents return of railroad cars thus leading to a congestion of railroad lines and stations. The International Youth Games to be held in Berlin in August 1951 may necessitate such one-way operations. Preparations taken by the Soviet zone railroad system for the handling of this traffic were reported previously.

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